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Applicant: Shinji WATANABE et al.	Art Unit: 2674
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, submitted herewith is a copy of Notice of Rejection issued in a corresponding Japanese Patent Application. For the Examiner's convenience, we have enclosed an English translation of the Japanese Notice of Rejection from the corresponding Japanese Patent Application and a completed Form PTO-1449. The prior art references cited in the Notice of Rejection were previously cited to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application on April 13, 1998 in an Information Disclosure Statement. The statement is not a

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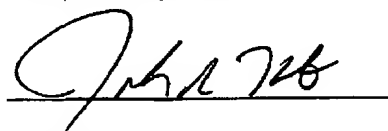
representation that all of the information cited is necessarily effective as prior art against the application.

Because the prior art references discussed in the enclosed Notice of Rejection were submitted to the U.S. Patent Office in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on April 13, 1998, no fee is necessary for the filing of this statement. Should the Commissioner determine otherwise, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1353 for any fee shortages, including the petition fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

Applicants respectfully request that the disclosed Notice of Rejection and the English language translation be made of record in the subject application.

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